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SUBJECT: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP, MAY 6

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1. SUMMARY: WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS MET MAY 6 IN MORNING TO DISCUSS PEACEKEEPING GUIDELINES DRAFT ARTICLES 11, 12, AND 13. WORKING PAPERS FOR DRAFT ARTICLES 11 (FINANCING) AND 12 (ARTICLE 43) WERE AGREED UPON AND ARTICLE 13 WAS MAINTAINED AS IT APPEARS IN WORKING DOCUMENT NO.3 WITH EGYPT RESERVING ITS POSITION, ALTHOUGH EGYPT'S VIEWPOINT WAS NOT CLEARLY EXPRESSED. END SUMMARY.

2. WORKING PAPERS ON ARTICLE 11 AND 12 WERE AGREED UPON AS FOLLOWS WITH USUAL RESERVATIONS: ARTICLE 11 - "THE COSTS OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EXPENSE OF THE ORGANIZATION, TO BE BORNE BY THE MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS BRACKET OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD OF FINANCING WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAY DECIDE BRACKET; BRACKET UNLESS DECIDED OTHERWISE BRACKET." ARTICLE 12 - "TO ENSURE THAT STATE OF READINESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. THE SECURITY COUNCIL

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COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED TO TAKE STEPS TO FACILITATE THE CONCLUSION OF BRACKET THE AGREEMENTS ENVISAGED IN ARTICLE 43 OF THE CHARTER OR OF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BRACKET, BRACKET PREPAREDNESS ARRANGEMENTS BRACKET IN ORDER FULLY TO DEVELOP ITS PEACEKEEPING CAPACITY BRACKET."

3. DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 11 FOCUSED ON TWO BRACKETED

PHRASES, WITH USSR ADVOCATING FIRST PHRASE WITHH SUPPORT BY NIGERIA WITH MOST OF THE OTHER DELEGATION INCLUDING US DEL FAVORING THE LATTER. US STAYED IN IMMEDIATE BACKGROUND OF THIS DISCUSSION. AFTER DISCUSSION DEADLOCKED, WG DECIDED TO MOVE ON THE ARTICLE 12.

4. IN EXCHANGES ON ARTICLE 12 (ARTICLE 43 OF UN CHARTER) IT BECAME CLEAR SOVIET DEL WOULD NOT AGREE TO ANY FORMULATION WITH REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 43. US DEL, ALONG WITH UK AND CANADA SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE PHRASES WITH UK SUGGESTION "PREPAREDNESS ARRANGEMENTS" GAINING WIDEST SUPPORT. BOTH REFERENCES TO ARTICLE 43 AND "PREPARDNESS ARRANGEMENTS" WERE PLACED IN BRACKETS AFTER DEBATE AGAIN DEADLOCKED. ONE BRIGHT NOTE WAS SOVIET'S DROPPING FINAL SENTENCE OF THEIR ORIGINAL OPTION, E.G., "SUCH AGREEMENTS MAY PROVIDE THAT SPECIFIC CONTINGENTS CAN BE EMPLOYED BY THE COUNCIL IN A PARTICULAR OPERATION WITH THE CONSENT OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS."

5. ARTICLE 13 WAS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AFTER EGYPTIANS PROPOSED AT FIRST TO DELETE ARTICLE FROM GUIDELINES; THEN FOLLOWING GENERAL OBJECTION EGYPTIAN DEL SAID IT WOULD BE SATISFIED TO SIMPLY INSERT IN WG REPORT THAT IT WOULD RESERVE ITS POSITION ON THIS ARTICLE. THUS FIRST READING OF ARTICLES 5-13 WAS COMPLETED WITH CERTAIN PROGRESS MADE IN MELDING OPTIONS AND A DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY EVIDENCED BY THE USSR. NEXT WG MEETING ON MAY 6 IN THE AFTERNOON. YOUNG
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